

CONGREGATION Kol Ami

VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, Sept. 5 & 12, at 6:30 p.m.
erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow
 preceded by a BYO dinner and blan-
 kets or soccer-style (foldable) chairs

FRIDAY, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m.
 "Prospective Member" *erev Shabbat*
 Service and "Third-Friday" birthday
 and anniversary blessings; bring your
 friends to this special service that an-
 ticipates the New Year through sing-
 ing and shared thoughts about what
 makes our Synagogue so special!

SATURDAY, Sept. 20, at 10:00 p.m.
Selichot – Gateway to the High Holy
 Days (see page 3)

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24, at 8:00 p.m.
erev Rosh Hashanah Service

THURSDAY, Sept. 25, at 10:00 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Service

FRIDAY, Sept. 26, at 6:00 p.m.
erev Shabbat - Tashlikh service by
 the water (preceded by a 5:30 p.m.
 BYOD) at the home of Guy and
 Karol Appel (see page 4)

SATURDAY, Sept. 27, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service and *Torah* Dialogue

FRIDAY, Oct. 3, at 8:00 p.m.
Kol Nidrei Service

SATURDAY, Oct. 4, at 10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur Service

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HOME-GROWN HONEY FOR SALE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS



We will be selling jars of local, raw, and delicious honey
 to dip your apples and *challah* during the High Holy Days!
 Your purchase is a sweet *mitzvah* all in one since all pro-
 ceeds will go to Kol Ami! The honey is from the backyard
 bee hives and gardens of Abby Binder and Jane Tausig.

We will have 8-ounce and 1-pound jars selling for \$6.00 and
 \$11.00 respectively. Sales will begin on Sunday morning,
 September 7, during Religious School hours. Since supplies
 are limited, it will be available on a first-come, first-served
 basis. If you are unable to purchase a jar at that time, please
 stop by the Executive Director's office to buy your honey.

This is a wonderful fund-raiser for our Congregation, and we wish to thank
 the bees and Mother Earth for their generosity. If you have any questions, call
 Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110. ■

HIGH HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2014 - 5775

<i>Selichot</i>	Saturday, September 20	10:00 p.m.
<i>erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Wednesday, September 24	8:00 p.m.
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Thursday, September 25	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service (grades 3-6)	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
<i>erev Shabbat - Tashlikh</i>	Friday, September 26	6:00 p.m.
<i>Kol Nidrei</i>	Friday, October 3	8:00 p.m.
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Saturday, October 4	
	- Adult Service	10:00 a.m.
	- Youth Service (grades 3-6)	10:00 a.m.
	- Children's-Family Service	2:00 p.m.
	- Reflective Reading/Discussion	3:00 p.m.
	- Afternoon Service	3:45 p.m.
	- <i>Yizkor-Neilah</i> Service	5:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 8, from

6:30-7:00 p.m.

erev Sukkot Service (see page 18);
preceded by a pizza dinner and
refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Oct. 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Sukkot Service ■

TORAH & HAFTARAH

September 6 - Kee Tetzeei

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19, Isaiah 54:1-10

September 13 - Kee Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8, Isaiah 60:1-22

September 20 - Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Isaiah 61:10-63:9

September 27 - Ha'azinu

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Hosea 14:2-10 ■

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences in loving
memory of:

Nora Anne Krik

daughter of Justin and Julia Krik

sister of Sophia and Rebecca

Barbara Levy

mother of Doug (Carol)

grandmother of Breanne and Kerinne

Henry J. Lotto

father of Elaine (Mark Tino) Lotto

grandfather of Sarah and Brian

Selma Rice

mother of Bonnie (Brad) Goldstein

grandmother of Bari and Brian

Anita Sabulsky

mother of Les (Amy) Sabulsky

grandmother of Joshua, Ava, and Emma

Shirley Spector

aunt of Shari (Andy) Johnson

May their memories forever be bless-
ings in the midst of our People. ■

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AS WE BEGIN OUR 21ST YEAR AS CONGREGATION KOL AMI

21 In our secular world, it is the point of full responsibility. We truly are adults, at or near graduation from college, at the drinking age, and becoming fully engaged members of society.

עשרים ואחת While 21 doesn't have any specific meaning in Judaism, I take it as a sign of good luck. Seven in Hebrew represents Creation, blessing, and good fortune. This is our 21st anniversary of our creation as an intimate and dynamic Reform Jewish community. Three times the good luck of seven.

Our creation involved a tremendous level of engagement. Engagement is the lifeblood of our synagogue, perhaps more so than at other congregations and institutions with large staffs and significant endowments. Engagement, that is having deep connections to the people and work of Kol Ami, is perhaps the single best ingredient for finding great value and meaning in your membership.

As we enter our 21st year, I ask for you to deepen your engagement with Kol Ami. Many are already deeply engaged and I treasure that blessing. Others have yet to find that deep engagement and with our treasured Rabbi and your Board, we want to help you engage. Here are some ideas:

1. **Leadership & Sharing Your Capabilities.** We have empowered and productive committees that are looking for members with experience, interest, passion, and just a little bit of time. Membership is a key effort for us, and Julie Cohen and Robin Warsaw, our co-chairs, have structured things so you can help with discreet tasks that make a big difference when it comes to attracting and retaining members. Social Action, led by co-chair Shelley Chamberlain and a soon-to-be-named second co-chair, help guide us to causes, and creating events that turn our passions for social justice into powerful contributions to community. You'll see on page 22 the full list of committees with co-chairs and contact information. Consider getting involved, meeting new members, and making a difference.
2. **Presence.** Every week brings ways to connect spirit with community. *Shabbat* services on Friday night bring us to a re-energizing place, and Saturday morning to a place of reflection and *Torah* study. Adult education programs enable each of us to deepen our appreciation of Jewish culture, history, and values that enable us to lead fuller lives today, and to bring more to what we teach our children.
3. **Generosity.** As members, you are already generous, giving of your hard-earned dollars to help us continue our house of worship, learning, and community. Yet as we discussed at our annual meeting, dues covers only 55% of our operating expenses. At a time when so much is asked, I ask you to reach a bit deeper if you can. You could contribute a bit more to

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin



At this time of year, when things weigh heavy on my mind and in my heart, I remind myself of the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, perhaps the twentieth century's greatest Jewish philosopher and theologian: "Should we refuse to be on speaking terms with one another and hope for each other's failure? Or should we pray for each other's health and help one another in preserving our respective legacies, in preserving our common legacy?"

Then, in answer to his own question, Heschel responds, "Our world is too small for anything but mutual care and deep respect; and our world is too great for anything but our assuming responsibility for one another."

Here, in Israel, everywhere.

Susan, Jonathan, David, and Josh join me in wishing you and your loved ones a much-needed and desired *Shanah Tovah*.

Shalom u'vrachah,

Rabbi Elliot J. Holin ■

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CHILD CARE

Child care is available during *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* morning services through Laurie Langman at 215-654-9717 or laurierobin@verizon.net.

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Our *Selichot* Service on Saturday, September 20, at 10:00 p.m.

One can either "arrive" at the High Holy Days or one can "prepare" for them. The *Selichot* Service is our annual "call to conscience" as we take measure of who we are, what we value, and the distance between what we say and do. In our tradition, the process of repentance leading to confession commences a full month before the New Year, and the *Selichot* Service is the end of that journey, which leads to new beginnings: the 10 days on the Jewish calendar that we call "high" and "holy."

In Hebrew, the word *selichah* means "forgiveness," and this service asks us to focus on what we have done wrong and what we need to do better.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles by the fifth of the previous month (for example, by September 5 for the October issue) to **Janet Falon** at jfalon@english.upenn.edu. Articles may be edited as needed. Photographs/images to be included should be at least 2x3" in size and 300 DPI resolution to ensure good reproduction. ■

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the HHD appeal, consider a sponsorship of Casino Night, *Tikun Olam* brunch, or the Golf & Tennis Fund Raisers, or join *Yediday* Kol Ami. Our new *Yartzeit* (Remembrance) Wall will debut later this month; it is a wonderful way to honor the legacy we've each been given and contribute to the legacy of Kol Ami going forward. Our Legacy Society is yet another way to contribute but in the future, with a revocable commitment to name Kol Ami in your estate planning. We want to help you see Kol Ami as a worthy place for your philanthropy, whatever its nature.

This month's "*Sh'lach'chaynee* - Send me" request is to engage deeply in Kol Ami and relish all the benefits and blessings that your engagement brings to you and to our community. *Shanah Tovah!*

Jeff Cohen, 215-635-3232
president@kolamielkinspark.org ■

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held at the Synagogue, unless otherwise noted.

Caring Congregants Committee
Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Linda George, 215-782-1413, and Elaine Gershenson, 215-887-3994

Religious School Committee
Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m.
Co-chairs: Sheryl Cohen, 215-885-2436, and Barbara Fink, 215-886-2297

Spiritual Growth Group
Monday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Janet Falon, 215-635-1698, and Meryle Gurmankin, 215-464-2466

Worship Enhancement Committee
Sunday, September 21, at 9:30 a.m.
Co-chairs: Mindy Levy, 215-885-3672, and William Shapiro, 215-517-8666 ■

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THE ESSENCE OF ATONEMENT

Moses ibn Ezra (1060-1138, a Spanish philosopher, linguist, and poet, whose writings are found in the traditional liturgy of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*) gives us a striking image for the Ten Days of Repentance, which culminate in *Yom Kippur*:

"Our sins are like a veil covering the face, concealing the true person from God—perhaps obscuring us as well from people in our lives and from ourselves. The process of *t'shuvah* (repentance) is meant to return us to our core, the person we are—the good and worthy human being masked behind the veil. *T'shuvah* represents an optimistic outlook on life. This is the moment when the veil is lifted from our face; this is the moment when we are no longer hidden from our Maker. This is the precious moment of renewing the relationship [and all our relationships]."

"SWEET-AS-HONEY" FAMILY SERVICE ON ROSH HASHANAH

For families with children in preschool through grade 2
on Thursday, September 25, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.



What's a sweet New Year without honey? We're going to show our kids how honey is made for *Rosh Hashanah* by bringing in professional beekeepers and their busy little friends. Join Kol Ami for this exciting family program, including music, prayer, and a taste of honey!

EREV SHABBAT-TASHLIKH SERVICE: THE BRIDGE TO YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 26, at the home of Guy and Karol Appel (Meadowbrook)
Bring your own dinner, refreshments, and blanket
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; Service at 6:00 p.m.

Tashlikh, from the Hebrew word meaning "to send forth," is a service of readings and reflections from Psalms and Prophetic writings. Traditionally held on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah* and dating back to the Middle Ages, the *Tashlikh* Service is a tribute to the Creator to whose work of creating the fish were the first witnesses, hence the proximity to a natural body of water ("Let waters bring forth swarms of living creatures"). We will symbolically cast our transgressions across the water to be carried away, preparing us for the Day of Atonement just a week later, at *Kol Nidrei* on Friday, October 3.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY

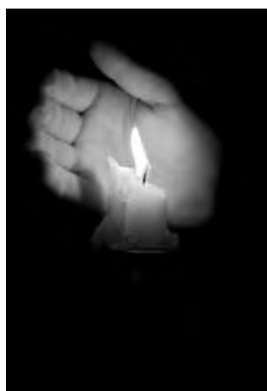
MEDITATIVE READINGS AND KOL NIDREI SERVICE

Friday, October 3, Meditative Readings at 7:45 p.m.; Service at 8:00 p.m.

Our *Kol Nidrei* service is preceded by meditative readings, with the kindling of a *ner n'shamah*—a memorial candle—in the words of the text: "to give us

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strength and hope in these sacred hours of memory and healing.” We pray in the names of those no longer with us as we begin our *Yom Kippur* journey. **Please arrive between 7:45-8:00 p.m. in silence so that everyone seated in the sanctuary will have time and quietude to read the meditative offerings.**

The *Kol Nidrei* service will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. at which time we will say the blessings over the *ner n’shamah* as well as the candles of *Shabbat* and *Yom Kippur*. ■

REFLECTIVE READINGS AND DISCUSSION ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

Saturday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m.

Our High Holy Day Reflective Readings Service provides a meaningful interlude between the Children’s-Family Service and the Afternoon Service. We will be discussing two of the readings found in the *Yom Kippur* morning service:

“Those who repent have a great reward, for they have tasted transgression and yet have separated themselves from it. Our Sages declared, ‘In the place where those who repent stand, even the wholly righteous cannot stand.’”

How do we come to terms with transgression? Why don’t “the wholly righteous” stand with those who repent? How does community incline us toward righteousness?

“Men and women are the messengers of God. There are neither angels nor emanations, only people like you in whom God has planted a striving for justice, freedom, and peace. Inspiration and dedication and every inward joy are the gifts of God ... Listen to your own inner conversation: you will learn that when you work for justice, you are bringing redemption; when you work for freedom and peace, you are praying for salvation; when you accept and love another person, the Messiah draws near.”

In what ways are we “the messengers of God”? Does the Jewish tradition believe in Divine messengers? What are your “inner conversations”? Who is the Messiah and what will hasten the day of the Messiah’s arrival?

YIZKOR-NEILAH (MEMORIAL) SERVICE ON YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m.

A booklet listing the names of loved ones to be remembered has been provided by you on your membership forms. If you wish to make any additions or corrections for the booklet, please send this information to Elaine Stevens, Executive Director, by September 29. ■

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Brad and Bonnie Goldstein** on the announcement of the engagement of their son, Brian, to Andrea Deveaue. ■

LEGACY ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

We thank the members of our Legacy Endowment Society for their commitment to the future of our Synagogue:

Michael and Sara Chernoff
Jeffrey Cohen and Ellen Friedman
Elizabeth Grenald
Rabbi Elliot and Susan Holin
David Hyman
Lee Laden
Marshall and Ilene Schafer
Elaine Stevens
The Wintroub Family

The Society welcomes all members to make a future gift of any amount through a variety of methods, such as wills or life insurance policies. If you would like to join the Society or if you have questions, please contact the chair, Ilene Schafer, at 215-663-0228. ■

SOCIAL ACTION

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY

Sunday, Sept. 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Help us sort, pack, and deliver food to needy families at the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Food Distribution Center. Through the efforts of JRA’s community of more than 10,000 volunteers, monthly food-relief packages are provided to 2,750 low-income families in the Greater Philadelphia area.

JRA food distributions take place one Sunday each month at their warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia (directions can be found at www.jewishrelief.org). Volunteers package kosher, nonperishable food in boxes and deliver the food packages to recipients according to pre-determined delivery routes, complete with driving directions and maps. Most delivery routes take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete. ■

High Holy Day School Events

ROSH HASHANAH - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 10:00am - 12:30 p.m.

Check out some of the exciting educational programs we'll be offering our students on *Rosh Hashanah*:

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAM TRACKS:

GRADES 4-5

GRADES 6-7



Rosh Hashanah Service

Two separate, interactive, age-appropriate services—one for grades 4-5 and one for grades 6-7.



High Holy Day University

Mazal tov students! You have been accepted to High Holy Day University, where students learn what the High Holy Days are all about. Exciting educational activities await our future graduates, engaging them in activities about compassion, forgiveness, and other High Holy Day themes.



Tashlikh

Tashlikh means "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of water. Just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are sins symbolically carried away. In this program, our students will reflect on their transgressions and begin the New Year with a clean slate.



Tales of *Teshuvah*

Did Darth Vader truly atone for his sins? *Teshuvah* means admitting our wrongdoings, asking forgiveness, and resolving not to repeat our mistakes. In *Tales of Teshuvah*, students will investigate the concept of *teshuvah* through the actions of numerous fictional characters and determine whether or not they have atoned according to the Jewish tradition.



The Knowledge Bowl

Come one, come all and test your knowledge of Judaism in this fun-filled trivia game about the Jewish year. Students will participate in teams for a chance to win some great prizes (and they may even learn a thing or two).

to Mark on your Calendar

YOM KIPPUR - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 10:00am - 12:30 p.m.

Here are some of the meaningful, thought-provoking programs we'll be offering on *Yom Kippur*:

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAM TRACKS:

GRADES 4-5

GRADES 6-7



Yom Kippur Service

Two separate, interactive, age-appropriate services—one for grades 4-5 and one for grades 6-7.



Sho-far, Sho-Good!

Do you have what it takes to blow the *shofar*? It's not as easy as it looks. Come and learn the notes of the *shofar* and take your shot at sounding the big one: *Tekiah Gedolah*!



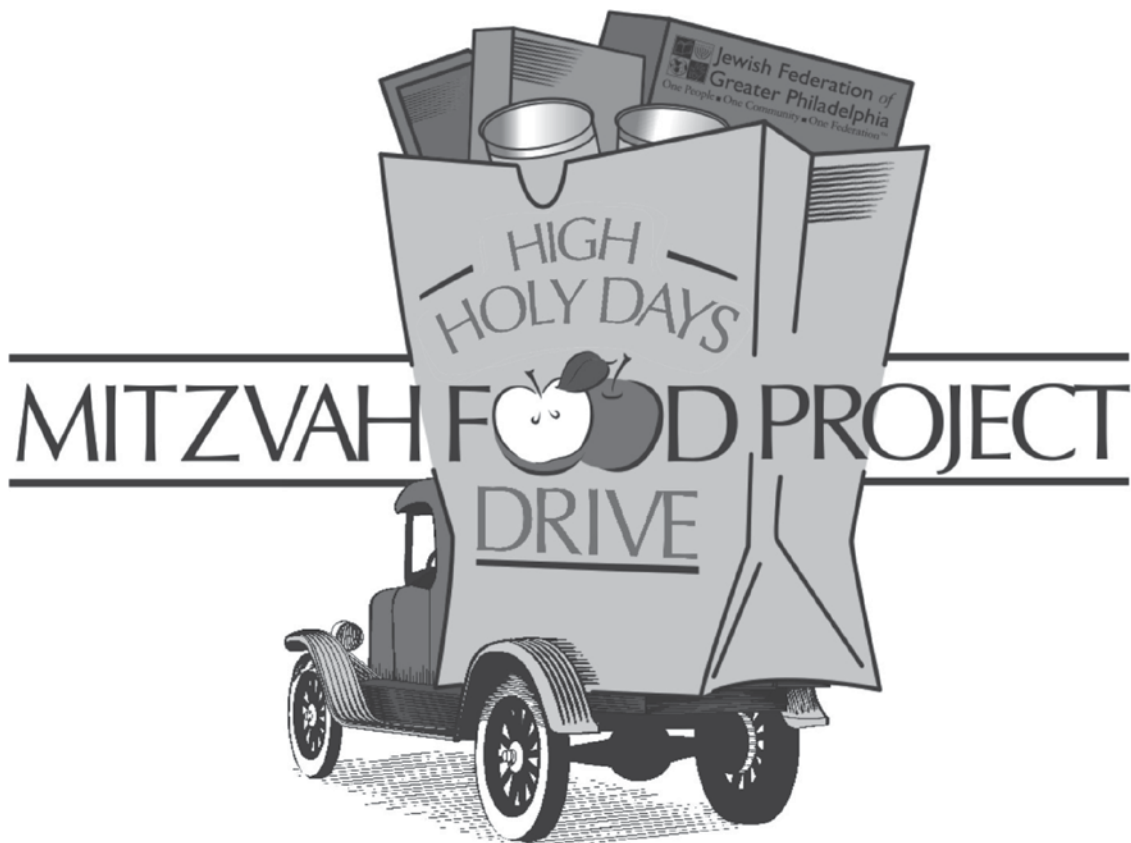
A Whale of a Time

Students will examine the mysterious story of Jonah and the Whale, traditionally read on *Yom Kippur*, and will determine its significance in the modern age.



High Holy Day Wax Museum

Calling all budding Michelangelo! Our students will create their very own masterpieces by positioning themselves and their friends in a variety of wax museum exhibits that express themes from the Jewish year.



Congregation Kol Ami's High Holy Days Food Drive is from Wednesday, September 24, to Saturday, October 4,
to benefit food-insecure families in our community.

Our synagogue has chosen to collect:
CANNED PROTEIN ITEMS
(canned beans, canned fish, nut butters—
LOOK FOR: kosher, lower salt, lower sugar)

Please bring in your donations of **CANNED PROTEIN ITEMS**
to support those in need through the *Mitzvah* Food Project.

Your participation will help us to make
this year's food drive our most successful yet!

jewishphilly.org/mfp



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Greater Philadelphia**
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ATTENTION ALL ADULTS AND STUDENTS!

Do you enjoy singing? Then Kol Ami's Adult or Student Choir is for you!

- 1) Adult Choir: Meets Sunday mornings from 10:25-11:25 a.m. Students in grades 8-12 may also participate if they wish.
- 2) Student Choir: Meets Sunday afternoons from 12:00-12:30 p.m. (after Religious School). Students in grades 2-6 may participate.

Choir members will receive dates of participation (*erev Shabbat* services and possibly some community events) and updates via e-mail. In order to remain active, attendance at rehearsals and services is very important. All rehearsals are held in Room 101.

This commitment benefits our Kol Ami community, and choir members have a lot of fun! If you're interested, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the Religious School office as soon as possible or bring it to the first rehearsal. Adult Choir starts on 9/7/14, and Student Choir starts on 9/21/14.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Schwartz at rebeccasongs@verizon.net or 215-572-6094.



YES, I'D LOVE TO BE A CONGREGATION KOL AMI CHOIR MEMBER!

Name: _____ adult ____ student ____ grade ____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ (If a student, please include a parent's

e-mail as well) _____

2014-2015 Learning Opportunities

Continuing Jewish Education

Searching for Truthful Faith, a God You Can Believe In

Instructor: Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
October 30; November 6, 13 & 20 (4 Sessions)

What do we believe about God? What can we believe about God? The notions we grew up with do not mesh well with the world we experience, but the alternatives are often unsatisfying and feeble substitutes. Can we conceive of a credible idea of God that meets the test of our minds and is robust enough to satisfy our soul?

RSVP by October 23 to the Synagogue Office at 215-635-3110.

Torah Teachings and End-of-Life Wisdom

Instructor: Simcha Raphael
Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
November 17; December 1, 8 & 15 (4 Sessions)

This course explores Biblical narratives on the themes of living and dying as well as encounters with death and the world beyond. We will learn from our Biblical ancestors—in particular Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and others—how to find spiritual equanimity in life given the inevitable finite nature of human existence. Through study of both *Torah* and *Midrash*, as well as discussion and personal reflection, we will discover wisdom relevant for dealing with end-of-life issues and concerns in our lives today.

1. Jacob's Deathbed Finale - Family Dynamics: Family Drama, Trauma and Healing at the End-of-Life
2. Joseph's Bones and the Jewish Tradition of Memory
3. "Do Not Go Gentle into the Night": Moses' Death in *Torah* and *Midrash*
4. Prophet Samuel, King Saul, and the Witch of Endor: Spiritualism and Post-Mortem Communication with the Dead

Psychoanalysis and the Bible

Instructor: Neal Beatus
Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
January 21 & 28; February 4 & 11 (4 Sessions)



Myths, fables, and stories often capture important truths about our lives. That's why the greatest ones lasted and were passed down from generation to generation. The same can be said of Bible stories. We will look at several Biblical narratives as works of art/myths to see what truths they convey. Sigmund Freud once said: "Everywhere I go, I find a poet has been there before me."

We will examine the following stories: the creation story,

Garden of Eden, Noah and the flood, the binding of Isaac, Jacob's wrestling with an angel and dream of the ladder, the Israelite's exodus from Egypt, and Jonah and the whale.

Hebrew for Parents

Instructor: David Monblatt
Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
February 12, 19 & 26; March 5 & 12 (5 Sessions)

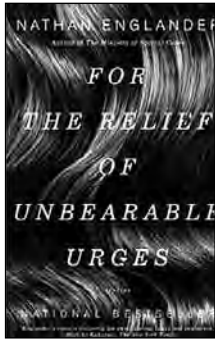
This is a beginner-level Hebrew course. If you never learned to read Hebrew, if you could use a review, or if it has been so long that you just plain forgot how, this course might be for you! For religious school parents, "Hebrew for Parents" will offer a variety of learning methodologies, activities, and pointers to help you help your children.

By the end of this course, students will be able to identify all Hebrew letters and vowels, recognize the sounds of all letters and vowels, and read with proficiency.

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for Adults at Kol Ami

Laughter and Tears in Nathan Englander's Short Stories



Instructor: Vivian Rosenberg
Monday evenings
from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
February 23; March 2 & 9
(3 Sessions)

Nathan Englander is an American-Jewish writer whose work has been called “extraordinary,” “insightful,” “fascinating,” “hilarious” as well as “outrageous” and “insulting.” In this course, we will read “For the Relief of Unbearable Urges,” Englander’s first prize-winning collection of short stories, and see for ourselves why his writings have provoked such strong and diverse reactions.

Please bring a copy of the book to each class meeting.

Searching for Faithful Practice: The Place of “Commandment” in an Age of Autonomy

Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom
Thursday evenings from 7:40-9:00 p.m.
March 19 & 26; April 16 & 23 (4 Sessions)

In an age marked by radical autonomy, what is the place of *Mitzvah*? Can it ever be “commandment” or is it always, at best, a “suggestion” for doing good? Can community survive in an age of autonomy?

From Egypt to Sinai and beyond: Torah as a Mythic Journey

Rabbi Simcha Raphael
Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
March 23, April 13, May 4 & 18 (4 Sessions)

In preparation for the journey from slavery in Egypt to revelation at Sinai, which we will embark upon in the coming months, this course shall explore the inherent contemporary spiritual wisdom in the holy days of *Pesach* and *Shavuot*. Through our study of *Torah* and *Midrash*, we will come to

see the sojourn of the Israelites from slavery to freedom as a mythic journey reflecting and illuminating our own spiritual journeying today. The course includes textual study, discussion, and meditative reflection.

1. Biblical Wisdom and the Mythic Life: Passover as an Inner Journey
2. Counting the Omer: From Agrarian Income Tax to Contemporary Kabbalistic Contemplation
3. Sinai Revelation As an Ongoing Mystical Moment
4. Transcending Trauma: Mythic Dimensions of the Book of Ruth



What Is Prayer and How Do I Get There?

Instructor: Rabbi Elliot J. Holin
Tuesday evenings
from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
April 28, May 5 & 19 (3 Sessions)

When we refer to the *Borchu*, the *Sh'ma*, the *V'abavtah*, and other parts of our *Shabbat* service, we think of them as “prayers.” They are not. They—and the *Avote v'Imavote*, the *G'vurote*, the blessings over the *Torah*—are liturgy, not prayer. Liturgy is found in the *siddur*—the book that contains the sequence of utterances said in worship, not really a “prayer book”—whether we open it or not. Those utterances—the *Borchu*, the *Sh'ma*, and so forth—are the building blocks of the worship service, each with its own theme and place in the service.

Prayer is something quite different. It is the personal expression of hopes, dreams, needs, and gratitude—or more formally, praise, petition, and thanksgiving—that might flow from the liturgy, or even a word on the page; and it is the personal formulation that comes from you!

We will talk about the evolution and meaning of the liturgy—when did it commence, what does it mean, and why was it necessary to bind it all together in what ironically is called a “prayer book”?—and how do the words speak to us today? How might the words motivate us to fashion creative responses not found on any page, but from the wellsprings of our heart?

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Kol Ami Events

FASTS THIS MONTH AND NEXT



For the past year and a half, our rabbi's monthly fasts have benefitted **NATAL, Israel's Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War**. **NATAL** addresses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of combat veterans and former prisoners of war, as well as those who have lost loved ones in battle or suicide bombings, and anyone who suffers the sustained emotional and mental pressure of living with the fear and uncertainty that war and the threat of war bring. In addition, **NATAL** reaches out to families and relatives of victims and bereaved families through on-site counseling, a national hotline, and free or subsidized psychological assistance and treatment by highly trained professionals. Forthcoming fast days on behalf of **NATAL** will be on Tuesday, September 9, and Tuesday, October 7.

For the past four years, rabbi's monthly fasts are called **Phast for Philadelphia** on behalf of unemployed workers in Philadelphia who are struggling to make ends meet by helping them pay their mortgages, address health care needs, and pay electric bills. Forthcoming **Phast for Philadelphia** fast days will be on Thursday, September 18, and Thursday, October 30.

Join our rabbi in a fast—or virtual fast—every month throughout the year, no matter where you are, by sending funds that you would have spent on food to help people in need:

American Friends of NATAL

1120 Avenue of the Americas, Fourth Floor
New York, NY 10036

Unemployment Information Center

112 N. Broad Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

(make check payable to Unemployment Information Center with a memo note "Philadelphia Unemployment Office")

CARING CONGREGANTS MEETING

Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Please note the change in date from the originally scheduled fall meeting, and join the Caring Congregants Committee at the Synagogue. As always, the meeting will include a covered-dish dinner and work to accomplish their projects of reaching out to our members in various ways. New members are always welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact either Linda George (lindageorge@gmail.com or 215-782-1413) or Elaine Gershenson (gershlaw@comcast.net or 215-887-3994).

"THIRD-FRIDAY" EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

for September Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Friday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m.



If you or someone in your family is celebrating a birthday or anniversary in September, please join us at our special *erev Shabbat* service. Rabbi Holin will bless everyone with a September *simcha* in front of the *Torah* Reading Table. Watch for your invitation for this special *Shabbat simcha*.

Rabbi Holin will continue to send personal letters to everyone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 (for example, 40, 45). If you have a special 0 or 5 birthday or anniversary, you will be invited to participate in any Friday service in "your" month by blessing the candles or *challah*, or reciting the *Kiddush*, or at any Saturday service that month by carrying or blessing the *Torah*.

SHARE YOUR HIGH HOLY DAYS HOSPITALITY

Wednesday night, September 24

There may be some Kol Ami members who, for a variety of reasons, don't have a place to go on *erev Rosh Hashanah*. So why don't you do the *mitzvah* of offering to include some fellow congregants at your holiday dinner?

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For Hosts

If you're interested in hosting someone/s at your holiday dinner, please send the following information to Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu by September 15:

- Your name, address, and phone number
- Your e-mail address
- How many people do you have room for?
- Would it be okay if you hosted a family with children, or would you prefer to have adults only?
- Will the meal be vegetarian, gluten-free, or any other special diet?
- Do you have any pets?

For Guests

If you're interested in attending someone's holiday dinner, please send the following information to Janet Falon at jfalon@english.upenn.edu by September 15:

- Your name, address, and phone number
- Your e-mail address
- How many people would be attending?
- Would it be okay if your host family has children, or would you prefer adults only?
- Do you have any special food needs, such as vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.?
- Would it be okay if your host family has pets?

A MINI GUIDE TO ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 25

Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holy Days or *Yamim Nora'im* ("Days of Awe"). It begins on the first day of *Tishrei*, which is believed to be the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, and their first actions toward the realization of humanity's role in God's world.

Also, *Rosh Hashanah* begins a 10-day period of introspection and reconciliation that culminates on *Yom Kippur*. It is customary to ask forgiveness of the people we might have slighted or hurt during the past year.

It is also customary to eat apples dipped in honey during *Rosh Hashanah* for a "sweet year" and to eat a round rather than oblong *challah* because the circle shape evokes the cycle of the year.

On the afternoon of *Rosh Hashanah* it is customary to walk to a river or spring and emptying your pockets and/or cast bread crumbs into the water, symbolic of casting off our sins and beginning afresh. This is called *Tashlikh*.

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OUR ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

NEAL BEATUS, MSS, LCSW, is a psychotherapist with GKSW/ Crystal Group Associates and sees clients of all ages, from preschoolers to senior citizens. He has studied Psychoanalytic Object Relations theory extensively and has taught many trainings to other therapists. Mr. Beatus attended undergraduate school at Haverford College and graduate school at Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. He has enjoyed exploring Bible stories and thinking about them through a psychoanalytic lens. With support from Rabbi Holin, he has presented several *dvar Torahs* at Kol Ami in the past few years.

RABBI ELLIOT J. HOLIN oversees and teaches in our Continuing Jewish Education program and also meets with members for personal *Torah* study as well as preparation for group or individual adult *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* celebration.

DAVID MONBLATT is our Congregation's Director of Education. He has been in the field for over 20 years, specializing in school transformation for the last decade.

REB SIMCHA RAPHAEL, PhD, is Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy, and Training. He is adjunct associate professor in the Jewish Studies program at Temple University and a transpersonal psychotherapist and spiritual director in private practice, affiliated with Mt. Airy Counseling Center in Philadelphia. Ordained by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi as a Rabbinic Pastor, he is author of "Jewish Views of the Afterlife." His website is www.daatinstitute.net.

VIVIAN ROSENBERG taught History of Ideas at Drexel University for 35 years. Since her retirement, she has turned her attention to adult education, teaching "The Short Story as a Barometer of Contemporary Concerns," "The History of the Idea of Romantic Love," "The Quest for Certainty in an Uncertain World," and "Literature and Emotional Intelligence: Making Some Connections."

RABBI SEYMOUR ROSENBLOOM is the Distinguished Service Rabbi of Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park and active in the local Jewish and general communities. He retired after 36 years as AJ's rabbi. Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1972, he is known as a thought-provoking teacher. His classes seek to stimulate his students to uncover their core beliefs, encounter our tradition's teachings, and come to their own conclusions about their individual identification and growth as Jews. He's been a good friend to Congregation Kol Ami and looks forward to teaching here.

NON-MEMBER FEES

Please note the non-member fee is \$50 per course.

REGISTRATION

To register for a workshop, contact Elaine Stevens at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. ■



Get the buzz about the honeybee crisis!

Congregation Kol Ami *Shomrai Adamah* (Environmental Stewardship Committee), Elkins Park Hazon CSA, and Creekside Co-op present:



A documentary film by Markus Imhoof

Honeybees are essential for our and the planet's survival. This documentary examines why honeybees worldwide are facing extinction. Filmmaker Imhoof "investigates this global phenomenon from California, to Switzerland, China, and Australia," looking at both the science and human consequences of the honeybee crisis. Honeybees need our help!

**Join us on Sunday afternoon, September 7, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at
Congregation Kol Ami, 8201 High School Road, Elkins Park, PA**

- View documentary **"More Than Honey"**
- Participate in a Q&A with Philadelphia urban beekeepers Joel and Jeff Eckel, We Bee Brothers Apiary (<http://www.webeebrothers.com>)
- Taste raw honey from a variety of local sources, including a neighborhood backyard bee hive
- Find out about bee keeping and have a look at a real (EMPTY) backyard bee hive and tools

Sure to "bee" thought-provoking...and sweet!

RSVP and/or Questions: Contact Jane Tausig, 215-901-8730 or jetausig@gmail.com

You are cordially invited to join the

JURIED CRAFT & FINE ARTS SHOW @ KOL AMI 2014 CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSORS!

PLATINUM \$360 LEVEL: Receive four entrances to the Saturday Night Preview & Sale plus 20 raffle tickets for a chance to win an art item donated by one of our participating artisans. Platinum Sponsors will also receive four free entrances for the following day.

GOLD \$180 LEVEL: Receive two entrances to the Saturday Night Preview & Sale plus 10 raffle tickets for a chance win an art item donated by one of our participating artisans. Gold Sponsors will also receive two free entrances for the following day.

SILVER \$108 LEVEL: Receive two entrances to the Saturday Night Preview & Sale. Silver Sponsors will also receive two free entrances for the following day.

To show our appreciation for your generosity, our list of **CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSORS** will be shared on the event's Web site (www.kolamcraftshow.org), at the event, and in the bulletin. In advance, thank you for considering to be a **2014 CHAI-LY SPIRITED SPONSOR!** At your convenience, please forward your interest and a check to Elaine Stevens.



Juried Craft & Fine Arts Show



SATURDAY **SUNDAY**
SEPTEMBER 13TH **SEPTEMBER 14TH**

PREVIEW & SALE

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20 (Members) / \$25

Entertainment & Catered gourmet light fare

Raffle sale for original art items

SHOW DAY & SALE

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5

Gourmet fare for purchase

Congregation Kol Ami קול עמי
8201 High School Road • Elkins Park, PA • 215-635-3110
www.kolamcraftshow.org

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: NEW EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNGSTERS

We're delighted to announce a new, unique, and experimental membership program for families with young children entering Religious School. In the context of *l'dor v'dor*, this one-year pilot program is to make congregational membership accessible to as many young families as possible while introducing children (grades K-2) to Congregation Kol Ami's dynamic, innovative, and fun Religious School. This program entitles new families to full congregational membership for the year with payment of only Religious School tuition and fees, plus nominal congregational dues.

We would appreciate you sharing this information with your friends and family who may be interested. Details of this program are as follows, with fees being per child:

- Families with a child entering kindergarten would pay full Religious School tuition and fees, plus \$100 for congregational dues.
- Families with a child entering first grade would pay full Religious School tuition and fees, plus \$300 for congregational dues.

- Families with a child entering second grade would pay full Religious School tuition and fees plus \$500 for congregational dues.
- If you have more than one child, then the fees are additive. For example, if you have a second grader and a kindergartner, it would be Religious School tuition and fees times two, plus \$100 and \$500 for membership, or \$600 in total. This would still be a very significant reduction and a great opportunity.

Please note that after the oldest child completes second grade, families would pay full congregational dues. Dues relief, if needed, is available through a confidential application process.

Religious School tuition and fees for Grades K-2 for this coming year are: \$560 tuition, \$50 book fee, \$36 activities fee.

Please refer anyone interested in this program to our executive director, Elaine Stevens, at 215-635-3110 or execdir@kolamielkinspark.org. She can provide answers to any questions and membership applications. ■

March with Congregation Kol Ami and the greater Philadelphia Jewish Community on Sunday, September 21, as we make history. The UN is hosting a summit on climate change in New York City. We will march with the Hazon Philadelphia, the Jewish Climate Change Campaign, and many other Jewish Organizations and groups in the People's Climate March NYC. We will join with citizens of all faiths and backgrounds to demand a world with an economy that works for people and the planet—a world safe from the ravages of climate change; a world with good jobs, clean air, and healthy communities for everyone.

The **People's Climate March** is a unique opportunity to stand up as Jewish community for what we believe in. There is strength in numbers. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to take action for big change.

Buses are being organized by 350 Philly. They will leave from several TBD locations in Philadelphia around 7:00 a.m. on the day of the march and will return to Philly that same evening. Timing will depend on the finalized times for the march, and locations will depend on where there is the most interest as well as access to public transit and parking. You can register and pay online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/greater-philadelphia-delegation-to-the-peoples-climate-march-tickets-11871517027>. Type in **Congregation Kol Ami** where it asks: "If you are traveling with an organization (your church, your environmental group, your union, etc)."

How to get involved:

- Join the Philly Jewish/Interfaith Contingent Google group for further communications (<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/phillyclimatejews>)
- Attend the march and bring your family, friends, and colleagues
- Donate a bus ticket for someone else to go to the march (via the bus registration link)
- Publicize the march via word of mouth, posters (coming soon), and social media
- Create banners, art, chants, songs, and more for our march
- Join *Shomrei Adamah*, Kol Ami's Environmental Stewardship Committee

Questions? Contact Mark Kaplan at Sustainability@kolamielkinspark.org for more information on the march or to join the Committee. ■



CONGREGATION KOL AMI PRESENTS. . . .

DOG-A-THON

A FUN AND FUND-RAISING EVENT

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
WHERE: CONGREGATION KOL AMI, A REFORM CONGREGATION
8201 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, ELKIINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA
WHO: EVERYONE IS WELCOME, WITH OR WITHOUT A WELL-BEHAVED DOG



FEATURING:

- A DOG PARADE
- PRIZES FOR BEST DOG COSTUME, BEST DOG TRICKS, LOOK-ALIKE DOG, AND UGLIEST DOG
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- DOGS FOR ADOPTION
- DOG TRAINING EXHIBITION
- FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

. . . . AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

SUGGESTED DONATION:

\$5.00 PER PERSON; \$20.00 PER FAMILY

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP K9 UNIT!

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!



ARTIST OF THE MONTH: ALBERT FUNG FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO OCTOBER 20

Albert Fung was born in San Francisco in 1970. He studied at Rochester Institute of Technology (BFA, Printmaking, 1992) and Massachusetts College of Art (MFA, Painting and Printmaking, 1996). He lived and worked in New York City between 1993 and 2011. There, he maintained studios in Manhattan, Bushwick, Harlem, Williamsburg, Astoria, and Long Island City. In 2011, he relocated to Philadelphia and currently lives and works in the Fishtown area.

Mr. Fung practices painting in oil, as well as drawing and printmaking. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. In 2012, the painter's work won a Vasari prize. In addition to exhibiting at Kol Ami in 2014, Mr. Fung showed his work at the following Philadelphia galleries: Westmoreland Studios, LGTripp Gallery, and F&N Gallery; and he will be exhibiting at Cedar Point Art in November 2014.

The Kol Ami gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If the Religious School is closed on those days, the gallery is closed as well. Also, all of Mr. Fung's works are for sale, and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Synagogue. See Elaine Stevens if interested in purchasing a piece. ■



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EREV SUKKOT OUTDOOR SERVICE UNDER THE SUKKAH

Celebrate and rejoice in the blessings of the good earth!
Wednesday, October 8, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
preceded by pizza dinner and refreshments at 6:00 p.m.

Join us at our all-Congregation celebration of the good earth as we gather under our outdoor *sukkah* to sing and sway with the *lulav* and *etrog*, praising The Holy One for our precious natural resources and the bounty of the land, as well as thanking farmers and workers who ensure that we might partake of such goodness.

Celebrating “National Coming Out Day”:
The anniversary of the October 11, 1987 march
on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights

THE MISHKAHN – SANCTUARY AND SYNAGOGUE AS A WELCOMING PLACE

erev Shabbat, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. with guest
speaker Jane Tausig, a Kol Ami member

Where were you on October 11, 1987? Many were busy living their lives, not thinking much about LGBTQ rights and equality. That is why this march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights was so ground-breaking! Lesbians and gays were largely discriminated against. That day, 100,000 people from all over the country came to Washington to advocate the end of discrimination against lesbian and gay people—in the days before the proliferation and far-reaching social media! And so the movement for gay rights took off. Much has been accomplished; much work for equality remains to be done.

Where were the Jews in their stance on welcoming LGBTQ clergy, synagogue members? What was it like for an LGBTQ Jew to “come out”? In 1987, Jewish movements were, at best, unevenly welcoming of lesbian and gay people. Some were embracing, some outright rejecting. What were

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the stances of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist movements about ordaining LGBTQ clergy and ministering to LGBTQ congregants? Where are the movements now?

Let's fast forward to 2014 when an LGBTQ Jew can be "out" and find acceptance and spiritual sustenance at Congregation Kol Ami, other synagogues, and Jewish institutions.

SUKKOT IN THE FIELDS

Save the date for our third annual farm trip to Lancaster for *Shabbat Sukkot* on Saturday, October 11, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Join Shelley Chamberlain, Mark Kaplan, Robin Rifkin, and Rabbi Holin for *Sukkot* in the fields, a family friendly, incredibly rich experience revolving around Jewish Values, Sustainable Agriculture, Faith Dialogues about Spirituality, and Good Food! Enjoy lunch and conversation with our farmer friends on one of the farms that supplies wonderful produce, fruit, eggs, bread, cheese & herbs to our Elkins Park Hazon Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).



"LESSONS LEARNED FROM ELIE WIESEL"

**Sunday, October 12, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon
presented by Ellen Stern**

"At some moments of life, one knows one has just been struck by a flash of truth," says Ellen Stern. "Everything comes together at that point: something happens, a new insight is born. Such a moment is not easily forgotten.

"I was aware of my particular moment when I read 'Face in the Window,' a passage its author called 'a legend of our time.' With powerful, graphic words, it describes a man who watches without comment the deportation of the Jews of his town. He says nothing, he does nothing. He only observes. He is the symbol of a person, a nation, a world's inertia in the face of evil: the 'I-don't-want-to-get-involved' syndrome.

"The piece touched me deeply. I knew nothing of Elie Wiesel, not who he was, nor where he came from, but I felt instant kinship with him. He felt what I felt, and he knew how to express those feelings. He had the gift, power, and strong urge to make the words come out. And he spoke to me."

Ellen Norman Stern was 11 years old in 1939 when she and her mother left Berlin to rejoin her father (newly released from Buchenwald concentration camp) to find a new home in Louisville, Kentucky.

A graduate of the University of Louisville, she worked for a number of years at TV station WAVE-TV before going on to the NBC television network in New York. She met and married her husband, Harold, before moving to the Philadelphia area. Ellen has published five books, two of them biographies of Elie Wiesel, one before and one after his nomination as Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Ellen and Harold are the parents of two sons and grandparents of four and have been members of Congregation Kol Ami since its founding.



TORAHS ALOFT ON EREV SIMCHAT TORAH!

**Wednesday, October 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.;
preceded by pizza dinner and refreshments at 6:00 p.m.**

Every year at this time, our young adults and adults read or chant the "personal verses" that they celebrated at their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvahs* years ago when they read or chanted from the *Torah*! We are eager to welcome more participants this year.

Join us as our three *Torah* Scrolls are carried around the sanctuary to the sound of joyful singing, and each one is held aloft to be read or chanted. As each person completes his or her verses, the *yad* will be handed to the next person.

Please call Rabbi Holin at 215-635-4182 by September 30 to let him know that you will help us feel uplifted when you read or chant "your verses" from the *Torah* on our annual *erev Simchat Torah* "Torahs Aloft" evening.

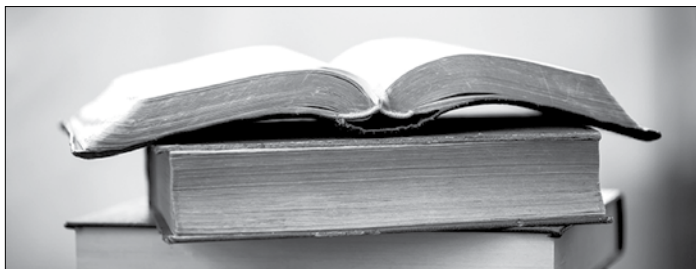
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"WORDS ARE LIKE ARROWS" (A YIDDISH PHRASE) SEMINAR

EXPLORING JEWISH SHORT STORIES WITH LOU BARRETT

Sunday, November 16, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon



The practice of remembering has its beginnings in earliest Judaism through reading and writing, and the enduring Jewish existence was forged. The ancients reaped sources from Biblical tales, the mystic *Zohar*, the *Agada* and *Kaballah*. They read and chanted stories in public settings that helped establish and perpetuate a distinct Jewish community.

Storytelling became not only a religious act of historic remembering ("Remember this day" Exodus 13:3), but a creative way to transmit faith, history, and culture.

In "Exploring Jewish Short Stories," we will study the transforming power of rich storytelling as it affects Jewish identity and continuity: themes of love, faith, social and psychic marginality, the longing for home, justice and mercy, as they shape Jewish contemporary writers.

Paradoxically, as modern Jewish writers seek to shed their victimhood and tragic history, they often recover what identifies, strengthens, and enlarges them..

Beginning on Sunday, November 16, we'll discuss short stories writers from Europe, Israel, and America: Franz Kafka, Babel, Philip Roth, Cynthia Ozick, and Amos Oz.

Lou Barrett has enjoyed a long, rewarding career as a teacher of literature and writing. She was honored at Wesleyan University by the Connecticut Council of Teachers of English. She is a recipient of Connecticut Poetry Society's Winchell Award. Her poetry has appeared in "Midstream," "Connecticut River Review," "Voices Israel," "Muse" and "The National English Journal." Ms. Barrett's series on Shakespeare is currently used by teachers and students. Other publications include a chapbook "Clotheslines" and poetry collections: "Homefronts," "Connecting Flights," "Doors, Gates and Portals," and "Canopies." ■

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT KOL AMI

Monday, November 3,
from 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Please save the
date so you can
participate in this
important life-
saving event.

For further in-
formation, call
1-800-RED-CROSS.

The need is constant.
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Give blood.



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CELEBRATING THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND IN HONOR OF INGA AND JULIUS SENDER

This past spring, Kol Ami was home to several wonderful events honoring the blessed memory of those lost to the Holocaust. In March, Rhonda Fink-Whitman, author of “94 Maidens” shared her efforts to make holocaust education mandatory in Pennsylvania. In April, we had the theatrical presentation of “The Diary of Anne Frank,” a powerful *Yom HaShoah* program in our Religious School; and we hosted the Old York Road Kehillah *Yom HaShoah* Service featuring gifted teenagers from each of our synagogues. Yet we are reminded as time marches on, there are fewer and fewer witnesses to the *Shoah*, which makes Holocaust education even more important.

Responding to this need with great generosity, Gary Sender and his children, Jessica and Matthew, have made a generous gift of \$15,000 to Kol Ami for The Holocaust Education Fund in honor of **Inga and Julius Sender**, Gary’s parents of blessed memory.

Born in Germany, Inga came to the United States at the age of 11 and Julius when he was 25, both in the 1937. They lived in different villages close to the Mosel River. As with so many Jews, their families were singled out and persecuted. Gary’s 85-year-old uncle, Walter, now lectures on the holocaust and recently taught a class at Germantown Academy, Jessica’s school. At the time of Inga and Julius’ emigration, Hitler was still letting people out, but without their financial assets or prized possessions. They needed to be sponsored to enter the United States and an Erie, PA, businessman sponsored Inga’s uncle and, in turn, her father. Julius was a farmer, cattle dealer, and dairy farmer. When Julius came to the States, he went to Chicago (as he was sponsored by an uncle who had emigrated earlier) and worked in the meat-packing business, later moving to Erie where his sister, Irma, lived with her husband. Irma introduced Inga to Julius. In Erie, Julius formed a dairy-farming business with Gary’s uncle. Inga’s family shed many of their German traditions, particularly their German mind-set wanting to enjoy all America had to offer. Julius’ family held on to traditions—food, customs, behaviors—and speaking German to each other. Inga was a traditional homemaker, not working at the farm and not interested in living there, so they made their home about three miles from the dairy farm. Inga and Julius stayed in Erie the rest of their lives. Julius passed at age 64 in 1976 and Inga just last year at 87.

Growing up, it was very German when Gary was with his father’s side of the family and much more American when with his mother’s side. He grew up in two worlds, living in a normal neighborhood with public school while spending time on the farm and out on the road with his dad buying and selling cattle. “Our Jewish community was very important to us. So many German Jews came to this small town and found a great source of refuge and support in the synagogue, where they were able to practice their religion freely, without being singled out and persecuted as they were in Germany. We went to services nearly every *Shabbat*.” Truth be told, Gary wasn’t a

big fan of Hebrew school and the school had to create a special class for Gary and a few friends who felt the same way. “We knew the prayers cold having gone to synagogue so often. There was a separate religious school on Sundays, which I liked as it covered Bible study when I was younger and social action, Israel, and cultural aspects as I got older.”

This gift reinforces the strong place of Jewish practice and faith. His own words say it best. “My parents rarely spoke about what happened to them. We had to ask them questions. They never traveled back to the villages where they were born. Yet my two brothers and six cousins all visited the villages, which were not easy to get to. For me, it is about our traditions and how we should never forget. What my parents went through taught me about commitment, flexibility, and strength of family—the underlying lessons of the people who survived and then could prosper. I try to speak of my family and their strengths as much as they can. Jessica, being older than Matthew, has more vivid memories of Inga. Jessica spoke about her grandmother in her *d’var* at her *Bat Mitzvah*.

“History is even more important today as our children have so much access to instant information about everything going on, and history can take more of a back seat to current events. Teaching history is critical so that it doesn’t repeat itself, even more important where it is so easy to focus on today and lose that historical context. It is important to continue the education about what can happen when there is incredible discrimination: to teach the perseverance of Judaism with examples of the strength, belief, and faith of our community that enables us to endure all we have, and still be strong and still have that faith. I also think that children can relate more to the story of the holocaust versus the destruction of the first temple or other biblical losses we have suffered.

“I want to ensure there are good opportunities for Kol Ami students to learn about the Holocaust. I want our children to be able to compare that community spirit my family had in Erie to the strengths and support we give to each other here at Kol Ami.”

As a member of Kol Ami’s Finance Committee and a finance executive of a large public company, Gary knows it’s hard for our Congregation to fund our Religious School, as tuition and fees can’t cover all the expenses. “This is an investment we make to insure we teach our young people so they become great members of our religion and community going forward. When Jessica’s class took their trip to the Holocaust Museum, as a finance guy, I knew it took a sizable amount of money to make that happen. I wanted to be sure this type of education continues at Kol Ami for a long time.”

On behalf of all the members of Congregation Kol Ami, *Toda Raba* Gary, Jessica, and Matthew. What a beautiful and meaningful way to share the blessed memories of your (grand)parents. ■

Kol Ami Committees

ENGAGING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Please contact the chairpersons with any questions or to sign up.

ART AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

The role of this committee is to define the aesthetic goals of the Congregation and to present design options that are consistent with those goals. The committee also monitors "The Gallery at Kol Ami" a six- or eight-week rotation of art by regional artists to grace our lobby walls, and supervises artwork installations, scheduling, and show openings.

Chair: Karol Appel (215-938-9330, a1karol@comcast.net)

CARING CONGREGANTS COMMITTEE

This committee reaches out to members in times of celebration, sympathy, life-cycle events, and transitions (births, birthdays, hospitalizations, death, or extraordinary needs) and develops activities to sustain this important outreach. This program provides a consistent means for members to recognize, to respond, and to provide companionship to one another during important times in each other's lives.

Chairs: Linda George (215-782-1413, lindasgeorge@gmail.com) and Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw@comcast.net)

CHOIR

If you enjoy singing, then our Adult or Student Choirs are for you. The choirs meet every Sunday for rehearsals, and each choir sings at *Shabbat* services once a month. There are also opportunities to sing with other local choirs at community events. Our student choir is for children in grades 2 through 6. Your commitment to our choir benefits our Kol Ami community, and choir members have lots of fun. Cantorial Soloist Rebecca Schwartz leads the choir.

Contact: Rebecca Schwartz (215-572-6094, rebeccasongs@verizon.net)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee is charged with monitoring the financial position of the Synagogue. Included in this process is evaluation of financial statements, creation of the annual budget, monitoring performance versus budget, cost control, analysis of dues structure, fund-raising, all insurance matters, maintaining banking relationships and interacting with our banks, analysis of the fund accounts, and the creation of strategic partnerships.

Chairs: Lisa Landau (215-620-5226, lisalandau537@gmail.com) and Bart Weiner (215-233-4712, bart.weiner@gmail.com)

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fund Development committee works to create a culture of giving in Kol Ami and coherence and strategy for the Congregation's fund-raising efforts. The committee and its members also provide leadership for specific events.

Chairs: Jennifer Streitwieser (215-635-0304, jstreitwieser@comcast.net) and Bart Weiner (215-233-4712, bart.weiner@gmail.com)

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The responsibility of this committee is to evaluate, develop, and recommend to the Board of Trustees policies and procedures concerning the inclusion and participation of all people, regardless of physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral ability, in all areas of Congregation Kol Ami religious and communal life.

Chairs: Barry Boise (215-635-9042, boiseb@pepperlaw.com) and Joel Fishbein (215-635-3615, fishbein@litchfieldcavo.com)

IT/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

This committee advises the Congregation on technology issues including: procuring equipment, maintaining our Web site, and establishing and maintaining general technology support.

Chairs: Ellen Asam (215-635-5598, ellen_asam@merck.com) and David Chamberlain (215-635-1738, dschamberlain@comcast.net)

INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP DIALOGUE

This committee provides an inclusive and open environment in meetings with Rabbi Holin to discuss challenges unique to interfaith relationships, provides programming to educate and address interfaith issues, and welcomes new interfaith couples/families to our Congregation.

Chairs: Linda and Dan George (215-782-1413, indasgeorge@gmail.com, danielgeorge000@yahoo.com)

ISH

This group is a fun way for young-ish (young at heart, people with young children, those of us who are fooling ourselves into believing we are still young) congregants to spend time together and create a social network with each other. Many Synagogue activities revolve around families and their children; this group organizes activities based on collective adult interests and provides opportunities to build relationships. Past events have included: ice-skating, a poker night, a hayride, and a wine tasting. Participants are diverse in life stages—some are married or in committed relationships, some have families, some are single. All are interested in building community within our Congregation and growing together.

Chairs: Sheryl Cohen (215-885-2436, shcohen361@verizon.net) and Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216, hfppt1@gmail.com)

LADIES OF A CERTAIN AGE (LOCA)

This group provides opportunities for women 50ish and older to spend time together and build relationships. Activities include cultural outings in and around Philadelphia and lots of opportunities to schmooze at food-centered events, such as themed potluck dinners and *Shabbat* dinners. As participants get to know each other better, individuals within the group

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may discover mutual interests, such as opera or ecology, which they can explore together.

Chairs: Natalie Dyen (215-657-4124, nat.dyen@verizon.net) and
Jean Ettinger (215-635-3623, jeanettinger@gmail.com) and
Elaine Gershenson (215-887-3994, gershlaw@comcast.net)

LANDSCAPE AND PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Landscaping and Property Enhancement Committee focuses on grounds management, beautification, and additional property usage for our physical spaces. The committee meets occasionally as needed.

Chair: Guy Appel (215-938-9330, gappel@interphaseme.com)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kol Ami Membership Committee works to identify prospective members and encourages them to join our dynamic and intimate community through maintaining contact, inviting participation, and sharing knowledge of the Synagogue. The committee also oversees programs designed to retain new members. It consists of four subcommittees: Marketing, Prospect Care/Connecting, Events, and New Member Retention.

Chairs: Robin Warsaw (215-635-5839, RKWarsaw@Comcast.net) and
Julie Cohen (215-635-4716, Julie@JulieCohenCoaching.com)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Operations Committee develops and implements policies and procedures for operating the facility. With principal focus on our building, its maintenance, and improvement, it works with the Executive Director to maintain the consistent, low-risk, and efficient operations of all facets of Synagogue life and ensures Kol Ami is a well-run Congregation. If you have a knack for engineering, resource management, or project management, we would love you to join "Ops," which meets about six times per year.

Chairs: Guy Appel (215-938-9330, gappel@interphaseme.com) and
Marshall Schafer (215-663-0228, Mschafer21@comcast.net)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In consultation with David Monblatt, our Director of Education, and Rabbi Holin, this committee guides the development of grade-level programs; maintains ongoing dialogue between parents and this committee; supports the Youth Groups and the Family Education programs, and suggests policies for the governance and operation of our school.

Chairs: Barbara Fink (215-886-2297, bfink3@gmail.com) and
Sheryl Cohen (215-885-2436, shcohen361@verizon.net)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTO

The primary function of this group is to support the Religious School parents with activities within the Religious School and to assist with fund-raising events. They provide the help needed for such events as the *Hanukkah* bash, Color-War days, bingo nights, bake sales, "dine-arounds," and pancake breakfasts. The group meets once a month during Religious School hours.

Chairs: Heather Pelletier (215-855-3216, hfpt1@gmail.com) and
Deborah Poppel (215-947-2252, dpoppel1@verizon.net)

SHOMREI ADAMAH COMMITTEE **(ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP)**

This committee develops and provides educational, action, and advocacy programs on sustainability issues and topics, in liaison with other standing committees and in coalition with the Jewish Climate Change Campaign and other Jewish organizations. It also provides policy recommendations and promotes efficient, economic, and sustainable practices to our Board of Trustees.

Chair: Mark Kaplan (215-635-2920, sustainability@kolamielkinspark.org)

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

This committee develops programs to alleviate suffering and address the needs of individuals in our local community, the nation, and the world, in the spirit of *Tikun Olam*. They also work together with the social action committees of the other synagogues of the Kehillah of Old York Road. They educate and advocate on a variety of issues to make the world a better place.

Chair: Shelley Chamberlain (215-635-1738, dschamberlain@comcast.net)

SOFTBALL

As a member of the Delaware Valley Synagogue Softball League, our softball team offers our members an opportunity to have a fun and competitive summer. The league requires participants to be at least 18 years of age. Men and women are encouraged to join.

Captain: Eric Pelletier (215-855-3216, esppt1@gmail.com)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

The Spiritual Growth Group provides a welcome, intimate, and un-intimidating way to explore God and spirituality. With guest leaders or on our own, we study and discuss Jewish liturgy as well as the writings of Jewish philosophers and theologians. We engage in down-to-earth discussions about spirituality in our lives and use a multi-faceted approach to our exploration of faith, including creative writing and listening to music. We have developed creative services for the Congregation, and our members have presented *d'var Torah* at *Shabbat* services.

Chairs: Janet Falon (215-635-1698, jfalon@english.upenn.edu) and
Meryle Gurmankin (215-464-2466, meryleg1@comcast.net)

WORSHIP ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

This committee is charged with understanding the worship needs of all our congregants, developing recommendations for meeting those needs within the limits of our bylaws and in conjunction with the Rabbi's guidance, and facilitating the implementation of said needs. Additionally, they are accountable for the ongoing development and quality of the worship experiences for *Shabbat*, High Holy Days, healing/youth/*Havdalah*, and other holiday services. This includes music/choirs, Sanctuary and Chapel usage, integration of our prayer book *Mishkan T'Filah*, exploring innovative service options for "specialty services," ushering provisions, and attracting more congregants to worship.

Chairs: Mindy Levy (215-885-3672, artb4words@verizon.net) and
William Shapiro (215-517-8666, bpswds@verizon.net) ■



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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (when school is in session)

Pick up any orders placed by the end of the previous month.

Shop our existing inventory. No order form is necessary! Just bring Cash or Check! There is a lot to choose from!

Questions? Contact Deborah Poppel at dpoppel1@verizon.net



KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2014 AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		First Day of Early Learning Center 9:00 a.m. Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m.		Early Learning Center erev Shabbat with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
First Day of Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. "More Than Honey" Program 2:00 p.m.	Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Caring Congregants Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	erev Shabbat Service on the Meadow 6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - BYOD	Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami 6:30 p.m.

KOL AMI SEPTEMBER 2014 AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 No Religious School - Classes will attend <i>Tikun</i> Trips Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami 11:00 a.m.	15 Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff 7:00 p.m.	16 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m. Religious School Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17 Early Learning Center Jewish Programming 9:30 a.m. Religious School 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	18	19 Early Learning Center erev <i>Shabbat</i> with Rebecca Schwartz 11:00 a.m. Prospective Member "Third-Friday" erev <i>Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 p.m.	20 <i>Selichot</i> Service 10:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. - <i>Oneg</i>
21 Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m. Dog-A-Thon 1:00 p.m.	22 Early Learning Center Music 9:30 a.m.	23 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.	24 Early Learning Center Early Dismissal at 3:00 p.m. No Religious School erev <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> 8:00 p.m.	25 Early Learning Center Closed <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> 10:00 a.m.	26 erev <i>Shabbat</i> - <i>Tashlikh</i> Service 6:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - BYOD Home of Guy and Karol Appel	27 <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Dialogue 10:00 a.m.
28 Religious School 10:00 a.m. - Noon 11:15 a.m. - Grade 4 <i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i> Parent Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Student Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:25 a.m.	29	30 Early Learning Center Fitness 9:30 a.m.				

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SEPTEMBER 2014

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 10:00 a.m.**
First Day of Religious School
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 10:00 a.m.** - Scrip Sales
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 10:00 a.m.**
Home-Grown Honey Sales for the High Holy Days
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, at 2:00 p.m.**
“More than Honey” Program
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, at 6:00 p.m.**
Caring Congregants Committee Meeting
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, at 6:30 p.m.**
Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, at 11:00 a.m.**
Craft & Fine Arts Show @ Kol Ami
- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, at 7:30 p.m.**
Religious School Committee Meeting
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, at 7:30 p.m.**
Prospective-Member “Third-Friday”
erev Shabbat Service
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
9:30 p.m. - *Oneg*
10:00 p.m. - *Selichot* Service
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, at 9:30 a.m.**
Worship Enhancement Committee Meeting
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, at 1:00 p.m.**
Dog-A-Thon
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, at 8:00 p.m.**
erev Rosh Hashanah Service
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 10:00 a.m.**
Rosh Hashanah Service
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, at 6:00 p.m.**
5:30 p.m. - BYOD at home of Guy & Karol Appel
6:00 p.m. - *erev Shabbat-Tashlikh* Service
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, at 11:15 a.m.**
Grade 4 *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Parent Meeting

OCTOBER 2014

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, at 8:00 p.m.** - *Kol Nidrei*
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, at 10:00 a.m.** - *Yom Kippur*
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5** - No Religious School
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, erev Sukkot** Service
6:00 p.m. - Pizza & refreshments; decorating the *sukkah*
6:30 p.m. - Singing under the *sukkah*
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, at 7:30 p.m.**
“Second-Friday” *erev Shabbat* Service with Adult Choir
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Goldstone
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 12:30 p.m.**
Sukkot in the Fields
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, at 11:00 a.m.**
“Member-to-Member” Conversation with Ellen Stern
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, at 7:00 p.m.**
Spiritual Growth Group with Carol Nemeroff
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - erev Simchat Torah**
6:00 p.m. - Pizza & refreshments
6:30 p.m. - “*Torahs Aloft*” Service
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, at 10:00 a.m.**
Simchat Torah Yizkor Service
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, at 6:00 p.m.**
“Fun-for-Kids” *erev Shabbat* Service with Student Choir
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, at 7:30 p.m.**
Board Installation *erev Shabbat* Service
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, at 10:00 a.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Kyra Quigley
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, at 2:00 p.m.**
Blessing of the Pets
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, at 10:00 a.m.** - K-2 Family
Education Program and Consecration Service
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, at 7:30 p.m.** - Continuing
Adult Jewish Education with Rabbi Rosenbloom ■